



**EMBASSY OF BOLIVIA  
THE HAGUE**

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*Dear Mr. Registrar,*

I have the honour to present the Bolivian position in reference to your letters (No. 133292) dated 10 October 2008 and (No. 1333310) of 20 of October 2008, regarding resolution 63/3 whereby the United Nations General Assembly decided to request the International Court of Justice to give an advisory opinion on the question of the Accordance with International Law of the Unilateral Declaration of Independence by the Provisional Institutions of Self-Government of Kosovo.

The Bolivian position regarding the unilateral declaration of independence by the Provisional Institutions of Self-Government of Kosovo on this question is based under a full respect of Resolution 1244 of the Security Council adopted the 10<sup>th</sup> of June 1999.

Bolivia considers that in this historical momentum the unilateral declarations of independences are exceptional cases which should be subject to International Law. The contrary would mean that any region could request an independence declaration motivated by local or foreign interest, turning this action of "independence" in forms of national disintegration which could be easily promoted by geopolitical interest of third parties.

Furthermore, if there is an acceptance of a unilateral declaration of Kosovo's independence without having a clear foundation of international law to analyze and judge in every case, we would be establishing a bad precedent. This explains why Bolivia supports that the International Court of Justice as the international body should provide an advisory opinion registering the applicable legal basis.

Mr. Philippe Couvereur  
Registrar  
**International Court of Justice**  
The Hague – The Netherlands

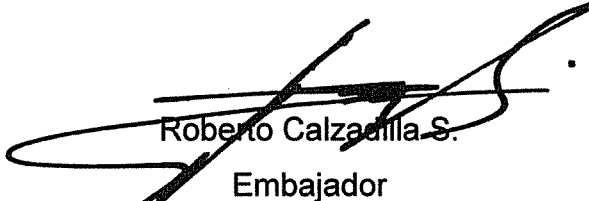


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In this regard, Bolivia voted in favor of 63/3 United Nations General Assembly Resolution to request the International Court of Justice to submit an advisory opinion about the unilateral declaration of independence by the Provisional Institutions of Self-Government of Kosovo in accordance with international law.

Finally, Bolivia looks forward to consider closer, all statements of other States, as well as the final advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice.

Please accept the assurances of my highest consideration



Roberto Calzedilla S.  
Embajador